

# 2 Boys Start 'Newspaper' To Earn Christmas Money

By Noralee Benedict

The big news in Torrance journalistic circles this week is the birth of "The Torrance Baby." The first edition hit the streets on Thanksgiving Day and the second edition will come out this week.

The entire staff of the new paper, Bobby Sonju, Editor-in-Chief, and Gary Hawthorth, Editor, dropped into the Torrance Press office recently to discuss news sources and circulation methods. They agreed to take time out from their busy schedule for an interview.

The new venture will be on a part-time-job basis until June, because both of the young men are engaged with their regular positions in the fifth grade at the Fern-Greenwood Elementary school until that date.

The ambitious young editors announced that it was a possibility that a great many people missed the Thanksgiving issue, due to the overwhelming de-

mand and the somewhat limited supply. It seems that the first edition consisted of three typewritten copies, and they were immediately snapped up by Howard H. Hawthorth, Robert Sonju, and Howard Sonju.

The next edition, however, will have at least four or five copies because as Gary, the editor said, "We've got the carbon paper, now."

"We'll put out more copies each week," he continued, "until pretty soon we'll be as big as your paper, I guess. Of course," he said thoughtfully, "then we'll have to have more people working."

When questioned about openings for staff members, Gary said, "We can use them, if they'll help along and not just take up space." As to the method of trying out for a job on the "GaBy," he said, "We'll keep them on for a while to see what they can do, and then, if they don't work out, we'll have to let them go."

They announced that their first need is for an artist. Neither of the young men are very gifted when it comes to drawing, they admitted, and until an artist is found, the paper will not have pictures.

The format of the paper will include local area news, sports, and safety news. Their sources of information for the sports items will be garnered from television, the safety news will come to them through the courtesy of the police department, and the area news will be gathered by the editors themselves, working in a reportorial capacity.

The paper will be delivered to the door by the editors on their bicycles, Bobby announced.

Though the idea of having a paper is not a new one to Gary, this particular newspaper was begun for the purpose of making money for Christmas presents. They were inspired by the recent "Lassie" show on TV, on which the two stars of the show, Jeff and Porky, started a newspaper. Deeply involved in long range plans, the editors have decided that the paper should continue after Christmas to realize all of its potentialities.

Gary had tried the newspaper game last summer with another partner, Paul McCarthy of 1307 Fern ave., but the paper folded due to a difference of editorial opinion. Gary took a loss of 21 cents on the previous venture and chalked it up to experience, which he hopes will stand him in good stead this time.

Bobby announced that they would sell ads in the "GaBy" to baby sitters wanting listings in the neighborhood and to any one else wanting to advertise in their circulation area.

Their office is, at present, located in the house-trailer belonging to Howard Sonju, Bobby's grandfather; but they plan to move into new offices soon, in the play house in Gary's

back yard. Gary announced that they would decorate the office in the manner of the Torrance Press editorial office, with news photos lining the walls.

Both Bobby, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sonju, 1028 Terry, and Gary, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Hawthorth, 1319 Fern ave., plan to be sports writers at a future date.

The paper's names comes from the letter of the Names "Gary" and "Bobby."

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